

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) An image taking apparatus, comprising:
an image sensor which takes a plurality of images different in focal distance;
a processor which creates a pan-focus image focused on each of different
photographic objects from said plurality of images taken by said image sensor;
a discriminator which discriminates whether or not it is appropriate to create said
pan-focus image; and
a controller which forbids said image sensor to take images when said
discriminator discriminates that it is not appropriate to create said pan-focus image.

4. (Original) The image taking apparatus as recited in claim 3, wherein said
discriminator discriminates that it is not appropriate to create said pan-focus image when
photographic object which is out of focus exists or when all photographic objects exist in a
depth of field.

5.-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) An image taking apparatus, comprising:
an image sensor which takes a plurality of images different in focal distance;
a processor which creates a blur-controlled image of a photographic object from
said plurality of images taken by said image sensor;

a discriminator which discriminates whether or not it is appropriate to create said blur-controlled image; and

a controller which forbids said image sensor to take images when it is discriminated by said discriminator that it is not appropriate to create said blur-controlled image.

11. (Original) The image taking apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein said discriminator discriminates that it is not appropriate to create said blur-controlled image when a distance distribution of photographic objects of said plurality of images is small or when a difference in photography magnification of said plurality of images is large.

12.-14. (Cancelled)

15. (New) The image taking apparatus as recited in claim 3, wherein said controller provides a warning when said discriminator discriminates that it is not appropriate to create said pan-focus image.

16. (New) The image taking apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein said controller causes a warning to be provided when said discriminator discriminates that it is not appropriate to create said blur-controlled image.